

Clara Robinson, Petition to Remain in Virginia, Henrico County, 1848 Transcription

Having had occasion at different times to employ for several months Clara Robinson, I take pleasure in stating that I have found her a faithful, attentive, respectful and honest servant, and in the discharge of her peculiar duties as an attendant on the sick, and a nurse for infants, remarkably kind, careful and competent. She has passed middle age and has, I am informed a large family of Children, who are all slaves. The necessity of her removing from the State would consequently involve the [rupture?] of all her kin and associations and be a great hardship to her, while to many families in the habit of employing her on trying occasions, it would cause a serious inconvenience and annoyance, and I am satisfied if in any instance whatsoever, it be proper, as the policy of the Law manifestly contemplates it may be to allow a manumitted slave to remain in the State, she presents as strong a case as can well be presented for the exercise of such indulgence.

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